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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
GROUP 1617**

Attorney Docket :  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:	)	<b>Confirmation No. 5134</b>
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<b>Bengt SANDBERG, <i>et al.</i></b>	)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 09/881,213	)	Group Art Unit:1617
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Filed: June 15, 2001	)	Examiner: R. Travers
For: BIOTIN DERIVATIVES		

**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 11) was due by December 23, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, small entity) is enclosed, extending the date to March 23, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to Paper No. 11, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.